

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA
EASTERN DIVISION

TERESA STEPHENS,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No.: 3:23-cv-711-SMD
)	
MARTIN O'MALLEY,)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

On May 9, 2024, the Commissioner filed an Unopposed Motion for Entry of Judgment Under Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). Comm'r's Mot. (Doc. 18). The Commissioner requests that the Court reverse the Commissioner's decision and remand this case for further consideration and administrative action pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). *Id.* p. 1. The Commissioner avers that, on remand, the Commissioner will "conduct further administrative proceedings and issue a new decision." Comm'r's Br. (Doc. 18-1) p. 1.

Sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) authorizes the district court to "enter, upon the pleadings and transcript of the record, a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security, with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing." 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). The district court may remand a case to the Commissioner for a rehearing if the court finds "either . . . the decision is not supported by substantial

evidence, or . . . the Commissioner or the ALJ incorrectly applied the law relevant to the disability claim.” *Jackson v. Chater*, 99 F.3d 1086, 1092 (11th Cir. 1996).

In this case, the Court finds reversal and remand necessary as the Commissioner concedes reconsideration and further administrative actions are necessary. Furthermore, Plaintiff does not oppose the motion. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the Commissioner’s Unopposed Motion for Entry of Judgment Under Sentence Four (Doc. 18) is GRANTED and that the decision of the Commissioner is hereby REVERSED and REMANDED for further proceedings under 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) consistent with the Commissioner’s motion. Further, it is

ORDERED that, in accordance with *Bergen v. Comm’r of Soc. Sec.*, 454 F.3d 1273, 1278 n.2 (11th Cir. 2006), Plaintiff shall have **ninety (90)** days after she receives notice of any amount of past due benefits awarded to seek attorney’s fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b). *See also Blitch v. Astrue*, 261 F. App’x 241, 241 n.1 (11th Cir. 2008).

A separate judgment will issue.

Done this 9th day of May, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen M. Doyle", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen M. Doyle
CHIEF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE